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knowledge despite the fact that the petition was filed on or about December 15, 1998. A duplicate copy of the petition is enclosed for convenience of the office.

Furthermore, consideration is respectfully requested of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Second Declaration of David M. Mayes submitted herewith which prove that the invention was not a subject of an offer for sale on or about December, 1995.

Consideration of the foregoing changes to the claims and other information is respectfully requested along with allowance of the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (781) 861-6240.

Respectfully submitted,

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